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A Look at Media Bias

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ABC, NBC Censor Father of Shooting Victim

From Newsbusters...

“On Thursday, ABC’s *Good Morning America* and NBC’s *Today* show highlighted Andrew Pollack, the father of 18-year-old Stoneman Douglas High School shooting victim Meadow Pollack, talking to President Trump during an emotional White House listening session on Wednesday on preventing such mass killings. However, **both network broadcasts chose to edit out Pollack telling the President ‘It’s not about gun laws right now.’**”

The AP treats Obama and Trump budgets differently

On February 12, the Associated Press (AP) tweeted, “President Trump sends Congress \$4.4 trillion spending plan that **features soaring deficits.**” However, in 2015, the AP tweeted, “Obama sends \$4 trillion spending plan to Congress, **pledging help for middle class.**” And in 2016, the AP tweeted “Obama sends record \$4.1 trillion spending plan to Congress to **combat terror threats, global warming.**”

Gallup poll: Americans have negative view of the media

From Congressman Lamar Smith...

“Gallup recently polled Americans on their perceptions of the news media. The poll revealed that **43 percent of Americans have a negative view of the media**, 10 percent more than have a positive view. **Two-thirds said that the news media does not do a good job of separating fact from fiction.** And more than half said that they couldn’t think of one objective news source. These are remarkable findings and yet unsurprising. The liberal news media has abandoned objective, fact-based reporting and is instead pushing a liberal agenda. Their partisan-driven news only tells one side of the story – their side. The liberal media has made it their mission to attack the President and Republicans on a daily basis at the expense of the facts. **Americans know it when they see it: this is a liberal, partisan agenda masquerading as journalism.** Until the news media returns to objective reporting, Americans will continue to view them negatively.”

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